

Function 920: Allowances

This function displays the budgetary effect of proposals that cannot easily be distributed across other budget functions. In the past, this function has included funding for emergencies or proposals contingent on certain events.

The House Republican budget includes most of the appropriated funding that was included in the President's budget. Function 920 includes a \$1.3 billion supplemental appropriation, a spectrum relocation fund, and funding for adjustments to the legislative and judicial branches' requests, all of which was included in the President's budget. The Republican budget rejects the President's mandatory proposal for the economic stimulus plan and the spectrum relocation fund. See *Function 950 (Undistributed Offsetting Receipts)* for other spectrum proposals. The Republican budget does include a cut that offsets the increase above the President's level for Function 250.

- ***Supplemental Appropriation*** — The Republican budgets include an unspecified offset of \$1.3 billion of 2002 appropriations to provide an additional \$1.3 billion for Pell Grants. See *Function 500 (Education and Training)* for further details. According to the budget appendix, the Administration will provide Congress with a listing of programs funded by the 2002 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill that the Administration did not request. The Administration expects that Congress will select \$1.3 billion of programs to cut from the list.
- ***Adjustments to the Legislative and Judicial Branches' Requests*** — The Republican budgets include cuts of \$400 million for 2003 and \$2.1 billion over the five-year period (2003-2007) from adjustments to the legislative and judicial branch accounts for excessive funding requests. Each year, these branches make a request to OMB to cover their funding needs. OMB, in turn, adjusts the overall funding level to better reflect the historical funding levels for these branches of government. However, these reductions are reflected in this function rather than in the budget functions that contain the judicial and legislative branches to maintain comity among the three branches of government.
- ***Increase in Funding for Function 250*** — The Republican budget cuts funding in this function to provide funding of \$189 million in 2003 and \$1.0 billion over the five-year period (2003-2007) for *Function 250 (General Science, Space, and Technology)*.